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REMARKS

Dealing first with the Gerard reference U.S. 6,922,946 B2, applicant respectfully takes issue with the Examiner's labeling of the space CH between frames 14 and 16 at the perimeters as being a channel. CH is simply an open space that is never closed by the frame members 14 and 16. This open space is only closed when the frames clamp the door-lite 10. In contrast applicant's circumscribing frame members fit against one another at their outer perimeters to form the channel.

To more particularly point out the invention, Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the circumscribing frame members fit against one another at their outer perimeters to form a support frame circumscribing an area therewithin and defining an article retaining channel. The claim has further been amended to more particularly define the channel as having a bottom wall defined by said outer perimeters of said frame members that fit against one another.

As Figure 5 of Gerard clearly shows, the perimeters of the frame members 14 and 16 never fit one against the other but in fact leave the wide open space designated CH by the Examiner therebetween.

With the present invention more clearly defined in Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is directed to what is clearly a very simple but highly novel and meritorious article retaining frame structure.

Dependent Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to conform to the amended language of Claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that these claims along with all other claims dependent on Claim 1 do depend from an allowable claim and are therefore allowable.

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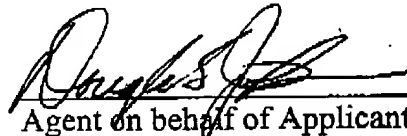
Claim 1 and its dependent claims also clearly define over Mulder et al, U.S. Patent 4,021,967. It is respectfully pointed out that Mulder's two frame members 18 do not fit against one another at their outer perimeters but are separated by a space the width of a window 16.

Again, Mulder like Gerard does not provide a channel having a bottom wall defined by the outer perimeters of the frame members that fit against one another.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended now clearly define novel and patentable matter and are allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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